

OMAHA'S BUSINESS GROWS STEADILY

Great Activity Shown in All Lines—Collections Are Also Much Better.

ALL INDICATIONS BRIGHTER

November business in practically all retail lines in Omaha was better than November business last year.

Collections in the last sixty days have been coming in with much less effort than they did a year ago at this time.

Early Christmas shopping has been much more in evidence during the week just closed than during the opening week of Christmas shopping last year.

About 25 per cent more people opened accounts in the stores in Omaha in November than last November.

These are some of the facts observed from the offices of the Associated Retailers of Omaha. The increase in the number of accounts opened is taken as a good indication, for, as the secretary of the Associated Retailers says: "We investigate the cases before we open accounts and know that these people are all good. It is not a matter of people opening accounts because they do not have ready money, but it is a matter of new people establishing their credit in the city."

Jewelry Business Better.
The jewelry business has shown a nice increase in November. The jewelry business has been picking up steadily ever since July, and jewelers in general in the city are now doing a wholesome Christmas business.

The condition of the retail business in Omaha, the marked increase especially in the jewelry trade, the early Christmas shopping, and other indications, together with the special facility of collections for the last sixty days, is looked upon by all business men as a fine tribute to the prosperous condition of Omaha and Nebraska at this time.

To this condition in the retail trade may be added the fact that wholesale implement dealers of Omaha have also just announced a greater percentage of cash collections than in previous years. This, too, is taken as a pulse of the business condition in the rural communities of Omaha's trade territory.

The building trades, too, are still especially active in Omaha. Added to the fact that Omaha is doing a particularly large amount of building at present, is the fact that ideal weather conditions have continued through an unusually long period of fall and winter for building operations. This has kept the building trades people busy and has kept money in circulation among them and the labor element in general.

Real Estate Business Healthy.

Real estate, though not actually booming, has kept up a good healthy tone of activity, and the confidence in property values is repeatedly shown by the readiness with which investors snap up pieces of ground in almost any part of the city at an executor's sale, or any other occasion on which numerous tracts are thrown on the market suddenly to be closed out hit or miss at once. Upon such occasions, men with money will be found on the ground ready to bid, and bid high on anything that has prospects. This was strikingly demonstrated again last Saturday at an executor's sale at the court house, where competition was keen for a lot of miscellaneous tracts offered in the settlement of the affairs of an estate.

Arthur Hauser to Be Arraigned for Killing of Smith

Arthur Hauser, accused of killing W. H. Smith, Woodmen of the World cashier, will be arraigned on a charge of first degree murder today, according to County Attorney Magney.

Edward Rooney of the firm of Curtis, Mole, Rooney & Crossley of Topeka, of which United States Senator Curtis is the senior member, has arrived in Omaha to take care of Hauser's interests when he is arraigned. He was retained by Hauser's relatives, he said.

BURLINGTON LOSS AND DAMAGE BUREAU MEETS

Officials of the Burlington railroad are in Omaha for a meeting of the loss and damage bureau of the road. Attending the conference are L. B. Allen, assistant general manager, Chicago; W. F. Frelhoff, superintendent at Lincoln; E. E. Young, superintendent at Alliance; J. N. Newell, auditor of freight and ticket accounts, Chicago, who is in charge of the loss and damage bureau.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS TRY TO BREAK WILL IN COURT

Sons and daughters of Mrs. Bridget Gahagan, who were cut off by her will from inheriting any part of her estate, are attempting to break the will in a suit in District Judge Estelle's court. The will left the entire estate, valued at about \$5,000 to Mrs. Gahagan's daughter, Mrs. Cecelia Carter. Nine other grown children are interested in the suit.

RESIDENTS OBJECT TO SALOON ON WEST CENTER

Hearing of protests against the granting of a saloon license of P. W. Robbins, 8617 Center street, was set by the county board for Monday morning.

Petitions opposing the saloon were signed by 114 residents of the neighborhood. Their request that no license be issued, probably will be granted, it was said.

ONLY ONE SMALLPOX CASE DURING NOVEMBER

The health department furnished the following comparative figures of contagious diseases reported:

	November	October
Scarlet fever	75	26
Diphtheria	112	139
Measles	11	5
Typhoid fever	5	8
Small pox	1	5
Chicken pox	23	3

The Best Medicine for Coughs.
The first dose of Dr. King's New Discovery helps your cough, soothes throat. Get a bottle today. 50c. All druggists.—Advertisement.

A "For Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

Postoffice Timepiece Again Has Fallen Off the Water Wagon

The poor old postoffice clock fell off the water wagon again Sunday evening. At 7:40 it solemnly struck eight, causing several swains to arrive at the homes of their beat girls before the b. e.'s had donned their fur-topped shoes and their peudre de la nose.

At 8:40 or thereabouts it struck the hour of 9 and preachers within hearing hurried their sermons to a premature close.

Between 10 and 11 p. m. the clock struck twice and then was silent till after midnight to make up for it.

Shortly after dawn mechanics pried and hammered it into some semblance of sobriety so that it ran correctly all morning.

Several months ago the cure was administered to the so-called timepiece with the result that it could always be depended on to be within five or ten minutes of the right time.

While "Billy" Sunday was here it

seemed to keep straight. Custodian McCune says he thinks "an egg ought to be broken into the works." This is about the only thing that has never been tried.

The general opinion is that whoever made the clock may have known how to shake wheelbarrows or other machinery, but not clocks.

Even the dial is a joke, with the quarter hour marked clear across the face so that they look like hands, giving the clock the bizarre appearance of having six hands. At night the illumination behind the glass dials is so faint that it is impossible to tell the time from a distance of a block.

But as the clock seldom registers the right time the fact that the dial can't be seen is no great hardship.

If people want to know the time, let 'em carry watches. The jewelers say business is booming anyway.

Held Up and Robbed on North Sixteenth

Two armed men held up Clarence Gant, 2624 Erakine street, near Sixteenth and Davenport streets, about midnight Sunday. They removed \$15 in cash and a watch from their victim.

COL. CODY SPENDS A FEW HOURS HERE ON SUNDAY

Mrs. Anne E. Burnett entertained at dinner Sunday for Mrs. Harrison and daughter, Winifred, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Brooks of Kansas City and Colonel William F. Cody and Major William McCune. Colonel Cody was in Omaha but a few hours, being enroute from Denver to Chicago, where he goes to make arrangements for his show for next year. He visited for a few minutes with old friends

at the Merchants hotel, where he stopped for the last twenty-five years.

ELEVEN HUNDRED AUTO PILOT PERMITS ISSUED

Superintendent Kugel of the police department has issued 1,100 chauffeur permits this year.

Timely Hints on Over Eating.

Christmas, New Year's and other feast days cause many disturbed digestions. The stomach and bowels should not be permitted to remain clogged up, for indigestion and constipation are often followed by serious diseases, resulting from undigested poisonous waste matter. Foley Cathartic Tablets should be in every home, ready for use. No griping; no unpleasant after effect. Relieves distress after eating, regulate bowels, sweeten stomach and tone up the liver. Sold everywhere.—Advertisement.

MOVE TO PAVE ROADS OF COUNTY

Macadam is to Be Replaced by Brick—Two Million for Paving and Grading.

COMMERCIAL BODIES BOOSTING

The County board has passed resolutions submitting to the voters at the primary election of April 18 bond issues aggregating \$2,000,000 for the improvement of public roads in Douglas county.

The vote for the resolution was unanimous, all the commissioners—Lynch, Best, McDonald, Harte and O'Connor—being present. The proposal was initiated more than one year ago, following conferences between representatives of the Commercial club, and other Omaha organizations, with county commissioners.

According to the resolutions the proceeds of 1,500 bonds of a par value of \$1,000 each will be expended for paving

and the proceed of 500 bonds of the same value will be used for grading roads. Plans already made, it was said, include the paving of many miles of county roads with brick, including all the highways which now are surfaced with macadam.

To Use Brick.
Brick paving is now used almost exclusively for the improvement of county roads. Chairman Harte of the roads committee of the board declares it is the most economical and durable material for the purpose.

The "public paving bonds" and the "grading bonds," as they are named in the board's resolutions, will be of a uniform par value of \$1,000 each, will draw 4 1/2 per cent interest and will be payable in thirty years, if the voters approve them. The levying of taxes to provide a sinking fund is authorized by the resolutions.

A special election for the vote on the bonds will be called, which will be held at the same time as the next primary election, April 18.

The bond issues, it is understood, will

have the support of the Commercial club and many other local organizations.

WHARTON COMPLIMENTED ON POSTOFFICE GAINS

J. Z. Miller, Jr., federal reserve agent, in charge of the federal reserve bank at Kansas City, has written a letter to John C. Wharton, Omaha postmaster, congratulating him on the splendid showing of the Omaha postoffice receipts for November. These receipts showed an increase of nearly 25 per cent over those of November, 1914.

UNION PACIFIC BUYS BIG ORDER OF RED CROSS SEALS

Charles Ware, general manager of the Union Pacific, has purchased 2500 Red Cross Christmas seals and will place the stamps on all railroad correspondence as long as the supply lasts. The sale to the Union Pacific is the first big sale the local committee has made to an Omaha concern.

To Ward Off Winter Complexion Ills

To keep the face smooth, white and beautiful all winter, there's nothing quite so good as ordinary mercialized wax. Rough, chapped or discolored skin, inevitable in the winter, is gently absorbed by the wax and replaced by the newer, fresher skin beneath. The face exhibits no trace of the wax, the latter being applied at bedtime and washed off morning. Creams, powders and rouges, on the other hand, are apt to appear conspicuous at this season, because of alternating expansion and contraction of the skin, due to changing temperatures. I advise you try this simple treatment. Get an ounce of mercialized wax at any drug store and use like cold cream. This will help any skin at once, and in a week or so the complexion will look remarkably youthful and healthy.

Winds and flying dust often cause scintling and other contortions which make wrinkles. You can quickly get rid of every wrinkle however produced, by using a hairless face bath made by dissolving 1 oz. powdered axcelite in 1/2 pt. witch hazel.—Advertisement.

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